

Monday 9th November 2020

Dear all Year 8 parents and carers

Positive COVID-19 case affecting Year 8.

As you are aware we sent your child home from school today due to a positive COVID-19 case affecting Year 8. This is a precautionary measure which is in line with advice from Public Health England and the Local Authority. We have had to make the decision that Year 8 pupils will work from home and need to *self-isolate until Thursday 19th November, returning to school on Friday 20th November.*

Therefore:

- All Year 8 pupils should immediately self-isolate until Thursday 19th November
- Year 8 will return to school on **Friday 20th November**

Remote lessons via Satchel-One will be put in place for all Year 8 pupils from 8.30 am tomorrow.

To be clear on what you need to do as parents:

- Your child in Year 8 must immediately self-isolate and not mix with other people outside your household.
- They do not need to get tested unless they develop Covid symptoms.
- If your child develops symptoms you should ring 119 to arrange a test immediately.
- As parents, you do not need to self-isolate unless you or your child develops symptoms.

What should I do if my child develops Covid-related symptoms?

If your child becomes unwell with a new continuous cough, a high temperature or has a loss of, or change in their normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia), please follow government guidance and book a test. Please inform the school if your child tests positive. You can email us via testresult@lowtonhs.wigan.sch.uk

Please do not wait until reception opens to contact us.

What work will my child complete?

Work will be set via Satchel-One and pupils will be following their usual timetable. Lessons will be recorded and accessed via Satchel-One, your child will watch the lesson and complete the activities outlined in the recording. Pupils will be expected to submit work to their teacher each lesson via Satchel-One in the same way that they would submit their homework.

If your child does not have access to ICT equipment or does not have access to the Internet, please contact us and we will support your child with work.

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What happens if my child accesses free school meals?

School will provide vouchers if your child is entitled to free school meals. We will send out information to you where relevant.

We fully appreciate the short notice of this and how disruptive this is for your child and family. I hope that you understand that we are acting as quickly as we are able in these uncertain times.

Unless there is a need to do so sooner, I will write to you at the end of the coming week with an update on our arrangements for the following week.

Please do all you can to keep you and your child safe and well.

Thank you for your understanding and support.

Yours faithfully

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Headteacher